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a handle;

a head extended from the handle;

a drive member rotatably mounted in the head, with the drive member including a plurality of teeth formed on an outer periphery thereof;

a pawl including a first side with a plurality of ratchet teeth for releasably engaging with the teeth of the drive member, with the pawl further including a second side with a recess;

a switch member including a turn-piece for manual operation and an actuating plate extended from the turn-piece and rotatably received in the head, the switch member being switchable between two positions for changing ratcheting direction of the drive member, with the actuating plate of the switch member including a first receptacle that faces the recess of the pawl and that has a first end wall;

an elastic element; and

a peg, with the peg having a first end movably received in the recess of the pawl and a second end, with the second end of the peg being received in the first receptacle and including a second receptacle with a second end wall, with the elastic element located between the first end wall and the second end wall, with the peg and the elastic member being rotatable with the actuating plate and biasing the ratchet teeth of the pawl to engage with the teeth of the drive member.

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

25. The reversible ratchet-type wrench as claimed in claim 21, with the drive member being rotatably mounted in a hole of the head, wherein an inner periphery defining the hole of the head includes a first annular groove, and wherein the outer periphery of the drive member includes a second annular groove, with the reversible ratchet-type wrench further comprising a

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C-clip received in the first annular groove and the second annular groove, thereby rotatably retaining the drive member in the head.

Please cancel claims 26-39 without prejudice.

Please add the following claims 40-53:

40. The reversible ratchet-type wrench as claimed in claim 25, wherein the drive member includes a top and a bottom, with the outer periphery extending between the top and the bottom, with the second annular groove being spaced from the top and the bottom.

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41. The reversible ratchet-type wrench as claimed in claim 21, with the actuating plate extending axially from the turn-piece.

42. A handle for a ratcheting tool comprising, in combination: a head having a first face and a second face; a hole in the head extending between the first face and the second face; a cavity being defined in the head between and spaced from the first and second faces and communicated with the hole, with the cavity including planar ends extending generally parallel to and spaced from the first and second faces, with first and second wall sections being defined between the planar ends and the first and second faces and being integral with the handle; and a compartment defined in the head and extending from the second face towards but spaced from the first face and having a first end communicated with the cavity and a second end communicated with outside at the second face, thereby leaving an integral bridge in the second end wall section of the head at the second face and located between the hole of the head and the second end of the compartment.

43. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 42, further comprising, in combination: an end wall within the hole and integral with the head, with the end wall defining an opening, with the opening having a smaller diameter than the hole and being concentrically

within the hole.

44. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 43, with the end wall having an outer face which is contiguous with one of the first and second faces of the head.

45. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 44, with the outer face of the end wall being flush with the second face.

46. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 44, further comprising, in combination: a drive member rotatably mounted in the hole of the head, with the drive member including an outer periphery and a bottom, with the bottom having an annular shoulder extending from the outer periphery, with the bottom being contiguous with the outer face of the end wall and the end wall being received in the annular shoulder of the drive member.

47. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 46, with the drive member including an inner periphery adapted to drive a fastener.

48. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 47, further comprising, in combination: a first annular groove included in an inner periphery defining the hole and spaced from the first and second faces, with the drive member including a top; a second annular groove included in the outer periphery of the drive member and spaced from the top and the bottom; and a C-clip received in the first annular groove and the second annular groove, thereby rotatably retaining the drive member in the hole.

49. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 43, wherein the cavity further includes an arcuate wall extending from intersecting points with the hole and generally perpendicular to the first and second faces, with the first and second end wall sections being defined between the arcuate wall and the hole, with the arcuate wall having a radius from a center and less than that of the hole, with the center of the arcuate wall located in the hole and with the

intersecting points being spaced less than two times the radius.

50. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 43, further comprising, in combination: a drive member rotatably mounted in the hole and including a drive column extending from the hole beyond the first face and for releasably engaging with a socket, with the drive member further including a stub rotatably received in the opening in the integral end wall.

51. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 50, further comprising, in combination: a first annular groove included in an inner periphery defining the hole and spaced from the first and second faces, with the drive member including a top from which the stub extends and a bottom from which the drive column extends; a second annular groove included in an outer periphery of the drive member and spaced from the top and the bottom, and a C-clip received in the first annular groove and the second annular groove, thereby rotatably retaining the drive member in the hole.

52. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 42, wherein the cavity further includes an arcuate wall extending from intersecting points with the hole and generally perpendicular to the first and second faces, with the first and second end wall sections being defined between the arcuate wall and the hole, with the arcuate wall having a radius from a center and less than that of the hole, with the center of the arcuate wall located in the hole and with the intersecting points being spaced less than two times the radius.

53. The ratcheting tool handle as claimed in claim 42, with the second face being planar completely around the hole and the compartment.

REMARKS

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